

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(i)-(ii), please delete the paragraph beginning on page 42, line 5 and continuing through line 25, and replace it with the following paragraph, which includes markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph:

A content file purge mechanism for a content delivery network (CDN) ~~that hosts third party content files on a network of geographically dispersed content servers~~ is described. A Web-enabled portal ~~preferably~~ is used by CDN customers to enter purge requests securely. A ~~particular~~ purge request ~~typically~~ identifies a set of one or more content files to be purged ~~from the content delivery network~~. The purge request is pushed over a secure link from the portal to a purge server, which validates purge requests from multiple CDN customers and batches the requests into an aggregate purge request. The aggregate purge request is pushed ~~over a secure link~~ from the purge server to a set of staging servers ~~throughout the content delivery network~~. Periodically, CDN content servers poll the staging servers to determine whether an aggregate purge request exists. If so, the CDN content servers ~~pull (or otherwise obtain)~~ the aggregate purge request ~~over a secure link~~ and process the request to remove the identified content files from their local storage. ~~Throughout the purge process, notifications are sent when purges are accepted, rejected, and upon completion.~~